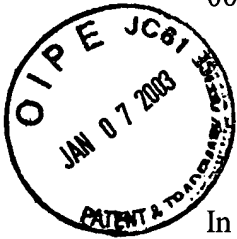


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROYUKI INOUE

Application No.: 08/796,519

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For: INK CONTAINER FOR INK
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FOR THE CONTAINER,
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002 for three months from October 1, 2002 to January 2, 2003 (the first business day following the New Year holiday).

Submitted herewith is a check for \$920.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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